

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, Claims 1, 5 and 9 are amended. No claims are newly added or canceled herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,898,759 to Terada.

Independent Claim 1 recites in part, control means for detecting from music information, a division at which tune change occurs based on a plurality of conditions and a climax section of music based on a velocity average difference between adjacent said detected divisions, selecting the image motion information based on results of the detection and displaying a moving image in accordance with reproduction of the music information. Claims 5 and 9 recite similar features to Claim 1 discussed above.

Terada is directed to a technology for generating images in response to music and in particular to a system for generating graphical moving images in response to data obtained by interpreting music. Terada discloses an input interface 6 which receives music data and an output interface that can be added to the interface 6 in order to use the system as the data source for similar external systems. The output interface is used to convert the music data together with its accompanying data to specific formats such as MIDI format and then transmit this to the external system. The audio source device 7 generates digital music signals according to music control data supplied in the bus 9, which is then supplied to the music signal processing device 10. After converting the supplied music signal to analog music signals, they are emitted from a speaker 11.

Accordingly, the features discussed above with respect to the independent claims are not taught or suggested in the applied. That is, the applied art does not teach or suggest at least a climax selection of music based on a velocity average difference between adjacent said detected divisions. Instead, Terada merely discloses detection of a note on data of each note.

Thus, for at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent Claims 1, 5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn, and the allowance of independent Claims 1, 5 and 9.

Claims 2-4 and 6-8 depend from independent Claims 1 and 5, and therefore are also allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for their own features. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of dependent Claims 2-4 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn and the allowance of the dependent claims.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A notice of allowance for Claims 1-9 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

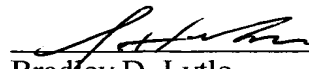
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